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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL PRIORITY

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TAGS: PINT, KS

SUBJECT: REPORTED LOSS OF INCENDIARY DEVICES FROM EMBASSY

THE FOLLOWING WAS PREPARED FOR JANUARY 12 NOON PRESS
BRIEFING. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED.

QUOTE

Q: I SEE FROM A KOREAN PRESS REPORT THAT THE EMBASSY
IN SEOUL HAS APPARENTLY LOST A NUMBER OF INCENDIARY
DEVICES WHICH COULD BE MADE INTO TERRORIST DEVICES.
WHAT IS GOING ON?

A: AS BEST WE CAN TELL AT THE MOMENT, THE STORY FROM
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SEOUL IS A GARBLED ACCOUNT OF INFORMATION THE EMBASSY
PASSED TO KOREAN AUTHORITIES REGARDING A REPORT FROM
ANOTHER COUNTRY THAT A TIMING DEVICE HAD BEEN STOLEN.
WHEN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT RECEIVES A REPORT THAT
POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ITEMS MAY HAVE BEEN DIVERGED FROM
NORMAL CHANNELS, IT IS STANDARD PRACTICE TO INFORM
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS. IN

THIS PARTICULAR CASE, THE FAA SENT A CIRCULAR TELEGRAM
TO OUR DIPLOMATIC POSTS OVERSEAS ASKING THEM TO BRING
THE INFORMATION TO THE ATTENTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS." CHRISTOPHER

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